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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the official action mailed February 25, 2004 in the above-identified patent application.

Reconsideration of the FINAL rejection of claims 1, 3-15, 21-26, 28, 30-33, 35-37, 39-45, 49-51 and 53-65 is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments that follow.

The proposed amendments are intended to correct certain prior amendments in several of the claims and to clarify the language describing the inventive subject matter. The amendments were not previously presented because it was not recognized that an error has occurred in certain original amendments and furthermore, the Examiner's position with regard to Supersberger (DE 91 17 169 U1) was not previously known, as the Examiner has cited this document as a basis for rejecting some of the claims for the first time in the final rejection. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that entry of the amendments is appropriate and is respectfully requested.